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1. NOVEMBER 19 "NOTICIAS" FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL URGES COMPLIANCE WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL'S CALL AT STADIUM RALLY NOV. 11 FOR ALL MOZAMBICANS TO "GIVE A DAY'S PAY TO MPLA". PRESS HAS BEEN PUBLISHING LISTS OF DONORS COUNTRYWIDE WHO RESPONDING TO MACHEL'S CALL.

2. CONGO PRESIDENT N'GOABI MESSAGE TO AMIN CALLING FOR HIM TO RESIGN OAU PRESIDENCY ALSO FEATURED PROMINENTLY.

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EM ARTICLE SOURCED TO PAPER'S LUANDA CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS

STATEMENT BY MPLA COMMANDANT IKO CARREIRA ABOUT RELATIVE STATE OF READINESS OF VARIOUS LIBERATION FORCES WHEN FIGHTING BEGAN EARLIER THIS YEAR. NOTDD FNLA HAD BEEN TRAINED AND ARMED BY ZAIRE FOR OVER TWO YEARS, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE CHINESE. CLAIMED UNITA FORCES WERE ARMED, EQUIPPED AND TRAINED BY PORTUGUESE, INCLUDING PORTUGUESE ARMY. CARREIRA SAID MPLA HAS BEEN HOLDING ITS OWN IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL ANGOLA, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT ZAIRE WAS PROVIDING ARTILLERY, INFANTRY UNITS AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, INCLUDING "ENTIRE BATTALIONS" OF ZAIRE REGULARS. CARREIRA ADMITTED, HOWEVER (AS HAD COMMANDER "JUJU" EARLIER), THAT IN THE SOUTH "IT IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN STRATEGIC POINTS IS GREAT AND GREAT MOBILITY AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IS NECESSARY. WE WERE NOT PREPARED FOR THIS STYLE OF COMBAT". WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBLE AIR INTERVENTION FROM ZAIRE, CARREIRA NOTED THAT THE TWO OR THREE MIRAGES RECENTLY PROVIDED BY FRANCE TO ZAIRE WILL SOON HAVE TO BE RETURNED FOR MODIFICATIONS. ZAIRE COULD USE OTHER AIRCRAFT SUCH AS FIATS, HE SAID, BUT WARNED THAT "IF THESE APPEAR THEY WILL BE APPROPRIATELY RECEIVED".

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